

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Assembly Minutes**

**March 26, 2017**

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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley M. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 83 Chairperson for the term 2017 - 2018.

Let's start this meeting with a Moment's Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Before we continue, it is with much sadness that I share with you the sudden passing of two of our members since the last Assembly. Elaine H. was our 2015-2016 Area Public Information Chair. She passed away shortly after the last assembly. She was very active in Area 83 and has been missed this weekend.

Joe D, our Panel 51 Past Delegate, passed away suddenly in December. Joe was also serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Board and Director of AA World Services. Joe served our Area and Alcoholics Anonymous with great wisdom, knowledge and wit. He was the "go to" guy, certainly for me, and also for many others. He was always a reliable resource about past Area decisions. Joe presented clear and informative workshops and presentations. Countless members have benefited from his experience, strength and hope. Joe will be greatly missed by the many lives he has touched both in, and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. We cannot let this Assembly weekend pass without taking a moment to remember Joe's life and contribution to AA. Can we have that moment now? Thank you.

12 Traditions read by: Olie C. position: GSR D86

12 Concepts – Short Form read by: Jenny C. position: DCM D66

Welcome everybody to the Spring Assembly.

Did everyone enjoy the Service Information Day yesterday?

And how about the banquet, last night?

Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee and for the catering staff.

And thank you Francine for your wonderful talk last night.

**Introduction**

This is our first Assembly of four in this term. During the next two years, we will be working together to provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83.

Our common goal during this term is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together is the key for continued Unity in our Area.

The A.A. Service manual defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." Just as most District tables meet monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in the District, and home Groups usually have regular business meetings, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Area 83 stretches from Oakville in the West to Ottawa in the East, down to upper New York State and up to Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley. At last count, we have 578 Active Groups.

Some of us have been here before as General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee

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Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some, it will be their first Assembly and from personal experience it can seem overwhelming!

How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great !!

Being in service is a great way to give back to AA. You will not be expected to learn or understand everything the first time or even second time. It takes time but it will make sense. Many of us didn't understand what was going on at meetings at first, but in time, we started to understand. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back – welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Over these two years, we will make decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is held, plenty of time is taken for full discussion and questions.

It is my hope that you will return to your Groups and Districts with the feeling that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area and that you have had a strong voice in Area 83. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it.

At the end of today, I hope that each of us returns home with a renewed belief that A.A. is alive and well in our Area and that our message of hope is being well carried to the still-suffering alcoholic.

I would like to remind all those present, who will be giving a report today, to give whatever highlights, are important. Written reports, when submitted to our Secretary, James O'D, will be transcribed in full in the minutes, for all in Area 83 to share.

At this time I would like to introduce to you our Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and other visitors. If you could hold your applause till the end of each section it will speed things up a bit.

Introduce officers

On my immediate right, our Panel 67 Delegate	Kim S
On Kim's right, our Alternate Delegate	Rob McA
On my immediate left is our Secretary	James O'D
Beside James is our Treasurer	Sue B
Beside Sue is our Registrar	Amy L
Our Panel 65 Immediate Past Delegate	Joyce S
And I'm your Chairperson	Kimberley M

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson	Les MacD
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Jim S
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Mac B
Treatment / Accessibilities Chairperson	Marty M
Grapevine Chairperson	Robert B
Self-Support Chairperson	Ray R
Archives Chairperson	Eddy G
Service Information Day Chairperson	Shane H

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2017- 2018

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates, people with appointed Area Service Positions and longtime Service

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visitors

Today we have with us :

- (X) Panel 53 Past Delegate Roy R
- (X) Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot D
- (X) Panel 59 Past Delegate Sandy S
- (X) Panel 63 Past Delegate Mel C

And in **Appointed positions** we have

- (X) Area Archivist – David T
- (X) Area Webmaster – Jim R
- (X) Area Alternate Webmaster – Jason M

We have with us today Service visitors:

Francine B-G, past Delegate of Area 84, Northeastern Ontario – Panel 55

Terry M, past Delegate of Area 84, Northeastern Ontario – Panel 64

This is your Area executive, committees and visitors for this, our First Assembly of the term.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

#### **Registration**

Please ensure that you have signed in to the folders at the Registration area in the Atrium. These will be available only until lunch time and are vitally important to our Registrar, Amy L.

Area 83 wants to make sure that everyone is able to participate equally.

If you need an accommodation today to help with this, please see me at the break. You could also give a note to any of the Area Committee and ask that they give it to me. Keeping this in mind, please keep the aisles free during the meeting and breaks to allow people to move easily about the room.

#### **SMOKING AREA**

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the butt containers provided by the hotel. It's unfair to expect the hotel staff to clean up after us. The Ambassador does not allow e-cigarettes or vaping to be used in the hotel. If you leave this room for a smoke or any other reason please do so quietly. Please do not congregate just outside the Ballroom doors since it becomes very distracting for those currently in the Ballroom. Also, please be considerate of those with perfume allergies when applying scents.

#### **NAMETAG HOLDERS**

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We recycle them to keep our costs down. It would cost about \$300 to replace all the name tag holders for an Assembly. You can do your part to keep costs down by returning your name tag to the boxes at the doors before you leave today.

#### **FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

I think it's worthwhile to review the schedule of meetings for this term, for both this Assembly and the Area Committee:

The Assembly meets twice a year – Usually the last full weekend in March and October. This afternoon we will decide on a date for the Fall Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers,

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Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Member's, will meet three times this year. We have already met in Quinte West in January and will meet again in June and September.

A schedule of tentative dates for meetings in 2017 will be included in the minutes. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

Year	Date	What	Where
2017	June 3 approved	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2017	September 9 tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2017	October 27,28,29 approved	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2018	January 6 tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

### **SEVENTH TRADITION**

I know it seems that the coffee and drinks provided this weekend are free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate of \$14.00 per person for the weekend which works out to \$5600. At recent Assemblies the total 7<sup>th</sup> collected improved but is still significantly less than the amount paid for refreshments. There are contribution cans beside the coffee urns. Contributions are absolutely voluntary. We had a Seventh Tradition Friday night, again at the banquet last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7<sup>th</sup> is being passed around.

### **WHO VOTES?**

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.
- All Area Sub-Committee Chairs
- All District Committee Member's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.

All General Service Representative's of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate General Service Representative. In their absence, a member of the registered Group may vote. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities groups. There is one vote per person.

After lunch, which is when we would expect to conduct Old & New Business, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, and those without votes please sit at the back section. This will make it easier for us to count votes.

### **A.A. HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED THE VOICE AND OPINION OF THE MINORITY**

When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion.

This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider. If this motion is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the original motion.

The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to

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achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

#### CALLING THE QUESTION

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to “call the question”. This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

#### WHO MAY ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY?

- Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:
  - It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups’ wishes, rather than their own.
  - And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups’ opinions and needs.
- All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don’t have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.
- On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn’t over until it’s over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it’s polite to stay and hear their views. It’s also quite possible that something important will be said.
- To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones around the room, and identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

**If you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary, James, before standing at the microphone.**

#### HOW DO WE VOTE?

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by ‘substantial unanimity’. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority which is 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll-call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.

I believe that the early part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority – 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to 2/3. If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority before I indicate it, remember, this is your meeting. Don’t hesitate to make the motion.

To facilitate the voting, which today will be by show of hands, I have asked a number of non-voting attendees to help me as hand counters. When we return from lunch, I would ask those with a vote to sit in the front, those without to sit at the back. Ultimately, it will speed things up.

At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a ‘**sense of the meeting**’. This is not a vote, and anyone can



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raise his or her hand.

Again, when you are ready to speak please identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

May I have a motion to operate on simple majority?

MOVED: MAC B – GETWELL GROUP – D36      SECONDED: BILL C – WESTEND GROUP – D74

DISCUSSION - NO

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? - None

Motion was passed.

## **2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Does anyone have any revisions to the agenda as distributed with respect to Old Business?

### **OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED**

None.

Does anyone have revisions to the agenda as distributed with respect to New Business? Any Floor Motions?

### **NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED**

To be referred to as Agenda items number:

12 (g) "I make the motion to discontinue the adhoc committee formed to look into Archives in Area 83."

Motioned by: Eddy G – Area 83 Archives Chair

### **MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA (as amended)**

Moved: Mike A – DCM D18

Seconded: Dave B – DCM D14

Any discussion? - No

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? 1

Any abstentions? 1

Voice of the minority? - No

Motion was passed.

**Breaks and Lunch** are not shown as Agenda Items. With your permission, I will call for these as necessary.

## **3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES of the Fall ASSEMBLY, Sunday October 30, 2016**

Does anyone see any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS in the minutes as distributed to bring to our attention?

No.

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May I Have a Motion to accept minutes as submitted:

Moved: TERRY N – DISTRICT SECRETARY – D26    Seconded: JIM S – CPC CHAIR - AREA 83

Any discussion? – No.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 3

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

**4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

(Sequence of reports have been Pre-drawn from the hat)

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes.

The 2 minute time will be controlled by the timer that was built by Denis Doyle, a past Delegate. It cycles between green, yellow, and red lights and ends with a buzz. If you get the buzz please stop speaking. Written reports, which are also requested, may be as long as needed, and will be included, in their entirety, in the minutes of this assembly if a copy is given to James, our Secretary. To help keep things moving along, we have 5 chairs up here at the front to my left and I would ask that as the District reports are given, the District Committee Members who are "on deck" come up and wait until it is your turn. Again, I would request that all please respect the time allotted to them.

**District 34**      Quinte East.....Gord T

Hello friends I am an alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group and my name is Gord. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 34 Quinte East for the 2017-2018 term., our district has 36 groups and 3 corrections meetings and attendance at our district meeting runs anywhere from 16 – 21 group representatives a month. We currently have all positions filled other than Public Information\Co-operation with Professional Community and our finances are such that we have been able to send money to the GSO and Area 83 recently.

Our new Archives chair Cory H., along with help from, Marvin Y. have found secure, climate controlled storage at the Belleville Library for our District Archives.

Our Corrections Chair Rose P. reports that things are running smoothly, but slowly getting volunteers cleared for all 3 institutions. We do have 3 new volunteers for Millhaven Penitentiary and Bath Institution and several volunteers in the process of being cleared for Quinte Detention in Napanee.

Our next District Meeting will be held on March the 30<sup>th</sup>. In Belleville. I am looking forward to serving District 34 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole over the next 2 years.

Yours in service, Gord T.

**District 82**      Victoria Haliburton .....Janice D

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Janice – a member of Solutions Big Book Study in Lindsay.

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District 82 is doing well financially and spiritual. In March we had a fantastic attendance at our District Meeting and paperwork is being updated.

Our annual 38th conference is around the corner – Saturday May 6th with great line up of speakers. Theme is How It Works – with the emphasis on the word “how” H – for honesty – O for Open Mindedness – W for Willingness. Flyers have been placed on the table in the foyer and I have tickets for purchase if anyone is interested. Please see me afterwards.

We are also planning a service information day on Sunday May 28th in Lindsay. The location has been booked and we will be meeting this weekend to set up an agenda. This includes Districts 26, 28, 30, and 86. We are looking forward to hearing from our delegate, Kim on the results of the conference in New York that she is attending in April. All are welcome and more information will be coming.

Hope everyone enjoys the weekend and have a safe drive home.

Yours in Love and Service

Janice D

**District 66** Golden Triangle..... Jenny C

Good morning friends I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday night group currently serving as district Committee Member for the golden triangle district 66 my name is Jenny and I'm an alcoholic.

District 66 is made up of 28 groups across 9 towns. Hosting 38 meetings a week. From one end of the district to the other there is anywhere from 20 to 100 km drive between towns. We are fortunate to have so many meetings at our disposal.

AA is alive and well in district 66 all Committee chairs and sub committee chair positions are filled and people are getting active.

The 34th annual district 66 round up will be taking place April 8th change we must is the theme it will be located at the Lombardy fair grounds in smiths falls doors open at 11:30 and there is a potluck at 6. It's an amazing day and everyone is welcome.

We are currently in the process of recruiting volunteers to help put meetings on in the jail and secure treatment unit in Brockville.

We are also in the need for volunteers to help with public information. While we have most towns covered there is still some need for more people willing to carry the message.

Our public information and corporation with the professional community have a "bring a professional" event in the works. Which is very exciting for our district as we have not had one for a few years. We will make sure to pass along the final details once everything is in place.

Thank you for a wonderful weekend and have a safe drive home.

Yours in love and service

Jenny C

District Committee Member

District 66

**District 28** Lakeshore East .....JoAnn P

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic and my name is JoAnn. My home group is Courtice 12 & 12 and I am serving District 28 and AA as a whole in the capacity of District Committee Member. I am thrilled beyond words to be involved at the

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District and Area through general service. It has been a busy 3 months at our District table and I am pleased to report on District 28's commitment to carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

January and February and March found our District Sub-committee chairpersons and operating committee positions ready for duty. As of today, all positions are filled at the District level and we are enjoying each other's company. As with any group, it takes a bit of time to get to know one another and I know we will continue to grow. Thank you to Fraser and Paul for continuing to serve on the Operating Committee.

Our Co-operation with the Professional Community is liaising with our PI committee to gain entry into the public high schools in Clarington area. There is red tape, but with patience and perseverance, we are confident that our experience, strength and hope will be shared with the student (Public Information) and teacher (Cooperation with the Professional Community) population. Our Lakeshore Intergroup office has added a link to the aadurham.org website for Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community and there have been a few requests for information. Thank you to Don T and Rose M for your commitment. Our Grapevine chairperson Kathie T is bringing enthusiasm and information to the District Table. Our Self Support Chairperson Tamara B has added a short educational paragraph to her report, the latest topic was where the money goes when groups give to your District. Each month she will share on another topic. Our Archives chairperson Dar is new to general service and is collecting meeting set up photos from the groups. Grant M continues to serve as Treatment and Corrections chair.

The attendance at our monthly meetings is roughly 65% and the Alternate District Committee Member Peter P, self support chair and myself will endeavor to bring awareness to groups not represented that we need their voices.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore District 28 Spring Roundup – New Freedom New Happiness - is Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine Club in Oshawa. Tickets are limited so if you are interested in attending, let me know and I will see what I can do to accommodate.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference will be held August 11 – 13 in Oshawa at the LVIV Hall just off the 401 and Simcoe Street in Oshawa. This is a new location for the Conference and we are excited! The theme is 'The Turning Point' and we are committed to sharing our message. Please pick up a business card in the Atrium – we want to see you in Oshawa!

Districts 82, 26, 28, and 86 will be hosting a Service Day, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in Lindsay where our Delegate, Kim S, will report on the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. We are in the process of organizing an amazing afternoon. More information will be posted on the District or Intergroup websites.

I hope to see you in the Durham area as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny.

Yours in Love and Service,

JoAnn P, DCM, District 28 Lakeshore East

**District 58**      Ottawa Bytown .....Michel D

Hello, my name is Michel, I am an alcoholic, member of the Sobriety group and DCM for District 58,

First, I would like to say that I am grateful to the GSRs from my district who saw fit to elect me as their DCM for the 2017-18 term. I am looking forward to serve our members in Ottawa-Bytown. Although all of our positions at the table were filled, our recently elected ADCM had to resign within the same month because of his new job is evening work. We are hoping to have an alternate in place after our meeting in April.

Attendance at our monthly meeting has been great since the beginning of the year. We are also encouraging our groups to come to the Assembly, an area that we can certainly improve on. We will also endeavor to maintain our group list updated since we did a complete census with Sue B, the Area Registrar in the last term. I should mention that a new secular group was formed in our district, the first of its kind in Ottawa and it celebrated its first year anniversary in February. That group is already involved in service and its GSR is at the Assembly today. It is a welcome addition to the district.

The District, as always, does service on a monthly basis - at the Ottawa Withdrawl Management Centre and at NewGate 180, a recovery house that is located in Merrickville, a 45 minute drive from the city. Although

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Mamisarvik, a recovery establishment for Inuit, had its funding renewed late last fall, we have not resumed our meetings there yet since the house's programs have not been reestablished. We hope that this issue will be resolved soon. Individual members also do volunteer work at the local jail, the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre.

The Eastern Ontario Spring Conference will take place on May 6 this year. Tickets are \$10 beforehand and \$15 at the door while the banquet is \$50. We had to move to a new location this year, St. Anthony's Banquet Hall, because the Marriott Hotel where we have held it the last few years is undergoing major renovations and because most other hotels are fully booked this year in light of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation which is attracting a lot of tourists to the nation's capital. This year's Gratitude Day in Ottawa is hosted by District 62 and will be held June 10, on AA's birthday.

We are also hosting the 2nd Annual Canadathon on July 1st. And for the first time, there will be French meetings at the event. The francophone districts in Ottawa and in Gatineau have representatives on the organising committee and will look after the coordination of French meetings. The francophone districts are also collaborating with the Public Information Committee in Ottawa to provide French pamphlets wherever PI distributes them in the city. It is great to see a greater collaboration between the Anglophone and Francophone districts in the Ottawa region and we hope that it continues.

As you can see, AA is alive and well in Ottawa and I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Assembly, Gratitude Day and at the Canadathon.

Yours in service,  
Michel D.

**District 02** Malton.....Shane H

Hello I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane and am grateful to serve as district committee member. Things are going well so far at the district we have a lot of enthusiastic newcomers and a sprinkling of wise old timers and its a dynamic that really works, we have formed an Ad-hoc committee to review our operating procedures and make suggestions on how to better clarify some of the content in those guidelines.

We have also formed a service day committee something new for the District to help us maintain our unity and to act as a training ground for those new to service, our service day will be held sometime in November but more will be revealed in due time.

All of our commitments are being met our new treatment chair Edwin some of you may know him from the grapevine workshop as Victor E has really grabbed the bull by the horns and has met all his duties with humility and a cheerful desire to serve.

Our finances are lacking but everything ebbs and flows in Alcoholics Anonymous and eventually we will have money and the problem on what to do with all of it, we are in need of a corrections chair so hopefully soon we will have one, our Alternate DCM is very active and truly loves the district.

In closing it's this Alcoholics perception that District 2 is alive and well and we will continue to be that way as long as we do our best and trust in god.

Yours in love and service Shane H, DCM, Malton District 02

**District 54** Ottawa Rideau.....Bartosz W

Good morning everyone, I am the District Committee Member for District 54 Ottawa Rideau, my home group is Search for Serenity on Wednesday nights on Old Tenth Line Road, I am an alcoholic and my name is Bartosz.

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This is my first report as DCM and thanks to the guidance of Darlene K. our outgoing DCM the transition has been smooth and we've hit the ground running for this term. Our District is doing very well. All service positions at our Table are filled and Group representation remains at approximately 50%. We started the term with changing our Operating Procedures to have our District elections a month earlier in October in order to give our incoming reps the opportunity to attend the Area assembly. At our last meeting we voted in our annual Spending Guidelines and are in stable financial position above our prudent reserve. Our groups continue to contribute to all A.A. Service Entities as per suggested percentages and our Self-Support rep is active in attending group meetings to carry the message of the 7th Tradition. Our District Registrar is in close coordination with Area resulting in all Group and District information being up to date.

Two weeks ago a Tri-District with Intergroup meeting was conducted with DCMs, Intergroup Chair and Alternates with the intent to bring the Ottawa A.A. Service Entities together for coordination and sharing for the good of A.A. The meeting was a success and we decided to continue to hold these quarterly going forward.

Upcoming events in the Ottawa area include the Vanier Round-up being held June 3rd and the Canadathon on July 1st. If you are in the nation's capital on these weekends please stop by for a great AA welcome! Canada Day will mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of our country so what better time and place to celebrate our shared sobriety.

Yours in gratitude for service,  
Bartosz W.

**District 70** Renfrew Pontiac..... Seanna B

I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Keep It Simple Group in Renfrew. I am currently serving as DCM for District 70, Renfrew-Pontiac. My name is Seanna B.

I would like to thank the Panel for doing such a great job in making this weekend happen. I am grateful for being part of Area 83, certainly not a glum lot!

District 70 is made up of 16 groups, and 23 meetings are held each week. All GSRs report great attendance, good finances, and there have been some contributions to service at different levels by the district and some groups.

In December of 2016, the Renfrew Group celebrated their 65th Group Anniversary, and on April 14th, 2017, the Douglas Group celebrates it's 38th Group Anniversary!

On March 18th, the 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Round Up was held with a theme of "Keep It Simple". Over 250 members, friends, and family attended, over 1,860 years of sobriety in one room! There were wonderful speakers, a great meal, and I would like to invite all of you to come next year and experience sobriety in the Valley.

So far this year there has been great attendance at the District Table in spite of some very bad weather, this is committed people, serving their groups, connecting in service to other Districts, and Area.

I am so grateful for this opportunity to be of service to my group, my district, learning how to be of service for the good of AA. I have a truly loving service sponsor who is never more than a text away. Someone talked about being excited when they received emails from GSO, Area, other members in service, I too feel that way. Somewhat old fashioned, I get really excited when I open my mail box and there, big white envelope from GSO in New York" , I'm humbled, so many people are here , carrying the message and wanting to help.

Yours in Loving Service,  
Seanna B

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**District 36**      Kingston & The Islands .....Barry MacK

Hi, I am Barry Mc and I am an alcoholic. I am a proud member of Amherstview Loyalty Group. I also serve as the DCM for District 36 Kingston and the Islands.

Our district is doing well and we are financially sound. All our Bills are paid and up to date.

Well all the positions were full but we had someone resign from the Archive chair at the beginning fo March so we will work on that to get this to get it refilled ASAP.

Well we have a Roup Up coming up in June for Founders Day Saturday June 10/2017. There should be fliers out on the tables to share with your groups.

Another thing that District 36 would like to do is an inventory as it has been a while since they had one.

Next, they would like to set up and ad hoc committee to update our operating procedures.

Yours in service, Barry Mc – DCM D36

**District 18**      Toronto City East.....Michael A

Good morning friends, My name is Michael A, I am an Alcoholic a member of the Danforth group in Toronto and I have the honour and privilege to stand before you as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East.

As with entering any new service position I've been encountering some challenges of my own in learning my role as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East. Nothing that memorizing our guidelines and procedures won't cure and I'm working on that between committee meetings.

There are 25 groups in District 18. 10-12 groups regularly attend the monthly district meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month. District 18 committee chairs have maintained the same level of participation as the previous panel; we have 6 chairs filled and three vacancies. All but one of our Alternate chair positions remain vacant. We recognize we have some challenges getting groups to participate at the General Service level. However, between myself, Glenn G the Alternate District Committee Member and Christy F our registrar we are making a concerted effort to bring groups to the table through speaking about General Service at business meetings.

We had our inaugural meeting for this panel in January where we conducted our GSR Orientation session. Attendance slipped at the February and March meetings as those were nights when – well, snow fell in Toronto. And I'll leave it at that!

District 18 in conjunction with District 22 Scarborough has been sponsoring an annual Archives Breakfast and this year the 12<sup>th</sup> annual event will be held on June 4 at the Qssis Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$20 and I have them with me.

Not much to report on yet as we are just getting underway, I'm sure that at the Fall Assembly I'll fill my two minutes.

Yours in love and service,  
Michael A

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**District 62**      Ottawa West.....Mike B

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic and am a member of The West-End group and have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for District 62 Ottawa West, my name is Mike.

We have settled into our new home in Westboro and attendance is exceptionally well. At our January District meeting, our Past Delegate, Sandy S. put on a General Service Representative (GSR) Workshop. Both District's 58 and 54 and our Service Committees were invited to attend. I believe this gave the new GSR's who attended a better understanding of their position and what it entails. It was a great night and we had a magnificent Pot-Luck meet and greet beforehand. All our positions are presently filled except for our Grapevine Rep. And our financial commitments are being met.

The General Service Representatives supported the District Committee Member's attendance at the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) in Moncton in February. Thank you for allowing me to represent District 62 at this service gathering.

All our monthly commitments at the Newgate 180 treatment Centre have been filled for the year. I have started visiting the groups in District 62 and I have had the opportunity to sit in on several business meetings. It's a pleasure to visit the groups and meet the members. One business meeting I sat in on, there was a member who was celebrating 25 years of sobriety and she was so excited to meet a DCM. I told her that DCM can also stand for Demoted Coffee Maker.

A joint information meeting with The Ottawa Intergroup Chair and Vice Chair and 2 of the 3 Ottawa District Committee Members and Alternates was held at the beginning of March to discuss issues pertaining to AA in Ottawa. We have decided going forward to meet quarterly.

We recently voted that our Grapevine Rep. will no longer carry an inventory of literature but will continue to visit our Groups with display material and promote our Meeting in print. This is due to the fact that our Intergroup office now stocks all Grapevine literature.

Planning is underway to hold our Service day in Ottawa. This year the day will be hosted by District 62 with participation from District 54 & 58. We have invited our Delegate to attend to give her General Service Conference Report. It will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. If that date sounds familiar, it's because it is also Founders day.

Upcoming events in Ottawa include, The 38th annual Spring Conference which will be held on Saturday May 6th. If anyone is in the Capital Region on Canada Day, The 2nd annual Canadathon will be held at The McNabb Centre for all day meetings and a fun family day in the park including a BBQ. Being Canada's 150th Birthday, this will be a very well attended and much needed event in The Capital. Come one, come all!!

I want to thank all members of District 62 who were able to make it to Kingston this weekend. Your presence is gratefully appreciated.

Yours in love and service,  
Mike B.  
District Committee Member, District 62



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**District 30**      Quinte West..... Ian W

I am an alcoholic, member of the Alderville Pioneer group, currently serving as District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West, and my name is Ian W. Morning everyone.

Our Spring roundup will be held in Brighton on May 27, flyers are available this weekend ,or check our website for information. We will be having AA and Alanon speakers, and a pot luck lunch with lots of fellowship. All are welcome, seventh tradition.

Our District covers a large geographic area with 16 registered groups, most sending Group Representatives to the District table regularly. We do have some vacant positions at the moment , Public Information being one, and some of our recent new business was a motion to combine the Public Information, and Cooperation with the Professional Community chairs. The motion was defeated, the table not willing to reduce the number of positions to fit the current volunteers, but it prompted a lively discussion about how to fulfill the duties of the open chair. We had a passionate group of General Service Representatives, committee members and chairs, recalling their own service journey and it's positive impact on their lives and sobriety. The consensus was to try and pass that on. What a great discussion to be part of!

By getting that message out through sponsorship and a positive attitude towards service, we hope to get more people involved, specially newer members. The goal is to encourage committee participation at the group level to help cover our responsibilities in the far flung towns of our District.

Although our Cooperation with Professional Community Chair , Laurie, is still covering Public Information, it is our hope that this grass roots approach will help lighten the load, and maybe spark the service interest of future District 30 table members. We'll keep you posted.

Thanks to the Service Information Day Committee and Area for another great weekend Yours in service, Ian

**District 74**      Pembroke..... Bill C

Hi, my name is Bill and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 74 – Pembroke and parts of the lovely Ottawa Valley. My home group is the West End Group in Pembroke.

Overall, we are doing well. Our District table has all the positions filled and we have completed the necessary transitions to the new members. We are fortunate to have a consistent high turnout of GSR's and Committee Chairs to our monthly District Table.

Financially, our situation is improving. This is in large part to the implementation of a new Help Line call system. This system has cut our monthly expenditures from about \$300 to about \$40. The largest component of the \$40 is maintenance of the legacy number. I would be pleased to share our research and implementation plan with any other District.

We have a busy year planned. There are several special workshops (e.g., Self Support) planned for the coming months. As well several our Groups will be hosting special anniversary or special event celebrations. Our annual Spring Conference will be held on 13 May 2017 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Pembroke. The theme for the meeting this year will be Dr. Bob's Prescription, "Trust God, Clean House, Help Others". The full day conference will be followed by a dinner and fellowship.

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Recovery appears to be alive and well in District 74! We have been fortunate in that many members have been celebrating birthdays these past few months. These are always a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a chance to celebrate the miracle of sobriety.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in loving service Bill C, District Committee Member for District 74.

**District 06** Mississauga.....David B

Good morning everyone and welcome. My name is David B and I have the humble privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 06 Mississauga, Etobicoke and Oakville. I am a member of the Lakeshore group and I am an alcoholic. A new term, our first assembly of the term (Panel 67), new faces and returning familiar faces at our district table. Exciting times. We have our sub-committee chair positions all filled, have been able to continue to forward funds to Area 83 and the General Service Office and continue to fulfill our obligations to our treatment facilities not only with required literature but with the energy of individuals carrying the message and keeping those meeting doors open. Our thanks to District 12 for partnering with ourselves and putting on a successful Service in Recovery Day in Oakville. The enthusiasm there has found its way here to Kingston. Participation at our district table has been consistent with 20 to 21 groups attending while last term at least 80% of the groups did participate at the district table. In the GTA on May 27<sup>th</sup> the AA Information Day will take place and flyers were placed in all Area 83 Committee members folders so please let everyone know of a great day of fellowship and service. Our sub-committees are getting busy and getting enthusiastically involved in their new service roles and as such if our district or myself can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in love and service David B  
District Committee Member District 06

**District 78** Madawaska Valley .....Anne Marie V

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Paudash Northern Lights Group, currently serving as District Committee Member for district 78, and my name is Anne V. I am happy to be joined this weekend and here today by my alternate Michelle Carter H.

Following our last Area meeting, I shared at our district much of what was discussed, among the highlighted items was the Area 83 website as a resource. Since that meeting we have added the Area website address to our new meeting lists, and our announcement page available on our Madawaska Valley Website, these announcements are printed and read at the individual groups weekly. Since its creation our website has a link to the area website. The GSR's also shared with their groups about using Area 83 website as a resource.

Our annual Festival of Colours 1 day roundup has been set for September 30 2017. Hopefully everyone got a flyer and this gives you all time to plan to attend!

District 78 will also be hosting a service information day in June 2017.

The groups in the district are doing well and have had decent attendance throughout the winter months.

Yours in Love and Service  
Anne V

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**District 16** Distrito Hispano De Toronto .....Angie R

Good morning, everyone. My name is Angie R. and I am a grateful alcoholic, member of Grupo Amistad in Toronto and DCM for District 16. District 16 is the Spanish-language district of area 83 and comprises 8 groups in Toronto, one in Hamilton, and another in Kitchener. Spanish is not my first language, but as we know, AA is the language of the heart. The story of how I ended up in a Spanish home group is kind of interesting, but this is not about me! Our district overlaps with other districts geographically, as well as area 86. Our District has filled the positions of DCM and alternate, treasurer, secretary, archives chair and grapevine chair. We are still looking to fill the other service positions. Our District is represented on the AA Information Day committee, to be held in Toronto on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and a session will be offered in Spanish in the afternoon. AA literature will also be available for sale in Spanish there. Our District launched a website approximately 2 years ago with information about AA in Spanish, as well as the locations and meeting schedule for the groups in our District. I invite you to visit the website at [www.districto16hispanoaa.org](http://www.districto16hispanoaa.org) (and I left cards on the information table in the foyer) You can also find information there about upcoming events in our District, such as the anniversary of Grupo 27 de mayo to be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton. All are welcome!

Yours in love and service, Angie R.

**District 26** Lakeshore West ..... Dave L

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Liverpool Group and my name is Dave L. It is my honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. District 26 is doing well. All subcommittee Chair positions are filled, except for the Corrections and Grapevine Chairs. Attendance at the District table is around 75% of the Groups in the District. A couple of groups have yet to attend the district meeting, and I will contact them to make sure they know that they are welcomed and missed.

Our Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee continues to maintain strong relations with Durham College and UOIT (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) where they have made presentations to many classes of future professionals who may come into direct contact with Alcoholics or their families. Our CPC chair, Rick M, is expanding the number of volunteers willing to assist this committee in its activities.

Our Public Information committee, chaired by Leslie M., has expanded their efforts to carry the message. They are working on their Spring Literature distribution drive, as well as connecting with youth groups, churches, high schools, and school boards.

Our Archives Chair, Jennifer C. has brought her infectious enthusiasm to this position. She is conducting verbal Histories with some of our District's long timers and is active in the meetings of the GTA Archives Committee. This service position is a great fit for her personality and interest in AA.

Our current Treatment Chair, Rob F., is dealing with Bridging the Gap requests and co-ordinating the groups putting on meetings at the Renascent House in Brooklyn.

Our Self Support Chair, Alex N., continues to make himself available to visit groups, to talk about our 7th tradition and service in all of its forms.

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Many groups also participate in Interchange, putting on meetings at other groups for the first open meeting of the month. The fellowship within District 26 and with District 28 is very strong as evident by the success of our jointly sponsored efforts.

May 28th the Lakeshore districts with Districts 82 and 86 will be holding a jointly sponsored Service Information Day in Lindsay to hear our Delegates report. Coming up in summer will be the 45th Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference. It will be held at the LVIV Hall in Oshawa on August 11-13. The Conference theme will be The Turning Point.

Yours in love and service, Dave L., District Committee Member for District 26

**District 14**      Toronto North Central.....Dave B

Hi my name is Dave B; I'm an alcoholic and the current DCM for district 14.

Things are alive and well at district 14. Finances are healthy, which allowed us to again donate big books to the corrections facilities, at the meeting yesterday.

We have all our district officers in place. As of January 1, 2017 our new officers at the district table took to their new positions eagerly, and are promptly learning what their responsibilities are.

Currently we have approximately 2/3 of our GSR's attending our monthly meeting on a regular basis.

Our literature program is going well. Police stations, parole and doctors' offices are being stocked.

We currently have half of our committee chairs filled and we are actively searching for people to fulfill the other positions.

As the new DCM of district 14 I'd like to share something with you. If my next 2 years are anywhere near as fulfilling as this weekend I will be on every happy man. You see I've had the pleasure of watching 2 new GSR's see that there is a lot more to AA than the homegroup. The future is bright.....

You're in service, Dave B - DCM District 14

**District 42**      St. Lawrence International.....Pat M

My name is Pat M and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Potsdam Nooner Group, Potsdam, NY. I currently serve as the District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

**District Positions**

As of the January meeting, all 2017-2018 positions were filled except for Public Information/Professional Community Chair. Our previous chair will continue until the position is filled (see attached roster).

**District Status**

District 42 serves the St. Lawrence County communities with 22 groups, offering 30 meetings each week. In addition, the district provides 9 service meetings each week. These service meetings include 2 at the

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Canton-Potsdam Hospital Rehab Unit, 1 at Ogdensburg Hospital Mental Health Unit, 3 at the county correctional facility and 1 each at the 3 state correctional facilities. Recently in our district 4 groups have become inactive: Knapps Station registered - Dec., 2006; Waddington Friday Nite Group - April, 1972; Star Lake Group - April, 1970; Potsdam ODAAT Group - June, 1958. Discussions regarding causes of these meetings becoming inactive center around geographical size and low population density, greater choice in meetings available (3 of the 4 are older meetings) and possible demographic changes, i.e. older members preferring earlier meetings. Other meetings continue to be vital attracting newcomers and oldtimers alike.

Our decision to move the district meeting four times per year to educate and encourage attendance by other groups has begun. We met in February at the Colton Honesty group and had at least one new face. The next roving district meeting will be in May tentatively at the Riverside group in Ogdensburg.

Discussions regarding inter-district events are ongoing while the Canton Sunday Morning Big Book Study Group presented a very successful Inter-District Fellowship Day with Districts 42 & 19. The February event was to celebrate their 6 year anniversary as a meeting (5 years as a registered group) and included speaker meetings, breakfast and potluck lunch. They brought in outside speakers which attracted several out of towners, four districts represented. One hundred people attended throughout the day. This group is also planning an event May 9th and 10th with Wally P who created the "Back to Basics" course.

Two "Back to Basics" series will be starting at two locations this month meeting once per week for four consecutive weeks at the Potsdam Nooner group and the Canton Sunday BB Study.

We are looking at the possibility of creating a new position on the District roster for an Activity or Function Chair. The position is not defined as yet but a picture is developing of someone who would plan periodic activities blending a meeting with a social activity. For example, a hike or canoe trip. Any districts that may have experience with this kind of position positive or negative, we would appreciate your feedback.

The District 42 Brochure has been updated to reflect current annual costs which helps the groups understand where their support goes and why it is important (see attached current version).

A special note of gratitude to our Canadian members from District 48 - Seaway Valley North for volunteering to lead meetings at the Ogdensburg Correctional facility and from District 62 - Ottawa West volunteering at the NYS Riverview Correctional Facility. Many service opportunities at correctional facilities are still available. One as close as Cape Vincent, NY. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve AA as it has served me for years.

Pat M 315-261-2321 4312 State Highway 56 DCM42@aa-stlawrenceny.org  
South Colton, NY 13687 USA

**District 48** Seaway Valley North ..... Winnie S

Good morning friends: I'm an alcoholic and my name is Winnie. I have the honour and privilege of serving as DCM for District 48 – Seaway Valley North and a grateful member of the Kemptville Sunday Study Group.

Things are in good shape in District 48. We have most positions filled but our Corrections and Treatment Centre Chair had to resign so we are seeking a replacement.

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Our annual Round-up was a huge success. We had beautiful weather, with lots of great sharing including a superb message from Amy L. (our current Area Registrar). We presented 3 Big Books to our newest attendees. Many thanks to all who made it possible particularly the Alt DCM Wayne L.

Financially, we are in good shape as well.

As this is our first Assembly I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all incoming new service rps an amazing term and wish everyone a great summer.

Yours in Love and Service, Winnie S

**District 22**      Scarborough ..... Tom S

Hi Everybody; I'm an alcoholic, member of the Saturday Morning Discussion Group in Toronto, DCM, (District Committee Member) of Scarborough District 22. My name is Tom S.

We have 21 groups, about 2/3rds of which participate regularly at our table. With GSR's (Group Service Reps), Alternates, Officers, Sub-committee Chairs, and visitors, we have about 35-40 people attending our monthly Business Meeting.

We are fully self-supporting, fulfilling our obligations. We do not take money from Toronto Intergroup. All our Officer positions are filled. Our Sub-committees at District are all covered except for Grapevine. By covered, I mean that we have chairs for all of the Sub-committees except for where Accessibility, Self-support, and Archives are concerned, we have Alternates covering the duties while we announce the need for members to step up and fill the vacant Sub-committee Chair positions. We also voted to change the District's Sub-committee name "Access Ability" to the one word "Accessibility" to conform with the name used in other General Service Sub-committees, including Area 83, Toronto Intergroup, and N.Y.

Scarborough District 22 is participating with the 8 GTA (Greater Toronto Area) Districts and Toronto Intergroup to put on **Info AA Day** on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the 519 Community Centre in downtown Toronto. This year's theme is "Encouraging the Spirit of Service". Our Delegate will present a report from the General Service Conference, as well as we will be having a speaker from the GSO (General Service Office) in N.Y. \$5 with a pot-luck lunch.

We are also co-hosting the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast** with Toronto City East District 18 on June 4<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the QSSIS Banquet Hall on Kingston Rd. at Markham Rd. in Scarborough. Details are on the Area 83 Website under Events.

And announcing our **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarborough District 22 Service Day**, "My Service; My Sobriety" to be held September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Oakridge Community Centre just a couple of blocks east of Victoria Park Subway at 63 Pharmacy Av. Free lunch provided. That's right, cliché aside.

Finally, we have placed a motion on today's agenda regarding the coordination and distribution of Grapevine materials. You'll be hearing more about that later.

(And if you attended the Spring Assembly discussion of the motion, you no doubt did hear more about that; see Area 83 minutes)

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Tom S

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**District 50\*** Cornwall .....Kimberley C

District 50 is pleased that all our positions have been filled. We are looking forward to a wonderful year. District 50 is discussing a tradition and a concept at each of our district meetings. Membership is up and our Saturday Serenity Group has changed the time of the meeting to 7pm from the original 8pm.

Yours in loving service  
Kimberly C

**District 10** Toronto South Central .....Rob A

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Twelfth Tradition Group and currently serve as the DCM for District 10 and my name is Rob A.

I am happy to report all is well in District 10. We have both new and experienced GSR's serving District 10 for the 2017-2018 term. Most of our service positions have been filled. Our district puts on a lot of service meetings and we have no problem getting volunteers from the groups to put on these meeting. We are also doing well financially.

Info AA Day is May 27 @ the 519. There will be presentations/talks on what committees like PI, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, etc. do to carry the AA message. I believe both our Delegate and Alt. Delegate will be there. There will also be a guest speaker from the GSO in New York. Tickets are \$5 and lunch is included.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Yours In Love & Service, Rob A

**District 86** Kawartha .....Larry D

My name is Larry D and I am the DCM for District 86. I feel honored to represent our area and will do my best to do the job.

Our district is both financially and spiritually sound and able to support itself easily. Participation from all the groups at the district table meetings is running at about 80%. The district positions have all been filled with the exception of the Accessibility Committee and grapevine chairs which just recently came open but by the next meeting that should be filled. I never worry too much about whether a chair will be filled because if it is vacant long enough someone always steps in to do the job.

We are working to have our intergroup office handicapped accessible as the funds becomes available. A big thanks to Jack N. who has been the chair of intergroup for the last 3 terms.

All is running smoothly in our district. Auditors have finished reviewing our treasury logs and everything is in order with many thanks to George-Ann our past treasurer.

Our Peterborough district Conference is on June24--25 with a banquet. Banquet tickets need to be purchased in advance.

Thank you and God bless. - Larry D

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**District 12** Toronto South West.....Mark B

Hi am an alcoholic grateful member of the Birds Of A Feathers Group pleased to serve District 12 Toronto SouthWest as our District Committee Member my name is Mark B. Has been a good take off in the early going of our new term with happiness fun and enthusiasm being brought to our monthly table meetings. Held a orientation night opening in January and low and behold we managed to fill all our committee chair seats along with about half of our alternate seats as well so yes there is a loving creator in District 12 and AA as a whole. Recently there has been some shuffling amongst the committee chairs though as quickly as a change has been made new or returning blood has stepped up. Our alternate district member Dionne is doing great work in getting out to the groups not yet at our table within our boundary encouraging them to come out to our table when they feel they are ready. Though we still consistently get 10 to 13 groups a month out of the 19 that come out and participate taking on monthly service meeting commitments and asking a lot of questions shows active interest we'd say. Currently we serve 9 service commitments with the recent addition of Ingles house Treatment centre for ladies 26 yrs n younger in which we have the Hill group getting this off the ground for us as they are a great vibrant group within our District with young sober female members. A new ladies meeting now has started on a Tuesday evening as well recently in our District which maybe soon if not already a registered group within our District 12 boundary which an invite has already been made to attend when ready our monthly district meeting table. We have a good contingent here this weekend of interested members able to make the trip here to continue their learning. Financially we sit in good shape all the way around as we put within reason expense costs out available funds come back in via our groups keep up the good work. Mind you we also encourage them not to forget about our Area and G S O one that can contribute do though always room for improvement. We all know alcoholics and money a very touchy and stingy subject huh as one member recently shared its not our money it has to be dispersed if too much is on hand. We wish you in Area 83 and continued term success was a pleasure to work with District 6 and Area members recently in our first term service day. Looking forward to AA information day in Toronto come on out May 27th in the heart of Toronto not hard to find 519 Community Centre on Church Street just off of Wellesley St East \$ 5 dollars gets one a great day. Till we who are required and ones that wish too meet again in Belleville in June have a great Spring .

Yours In Service Mark B

Call for any Districts not represented: \*50.

Thank you to all District Committee Members for their reports. If you didn't already give your report to James, please send it to him this week, so he can include it in the minutes.

### 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly a description of their activities in our Area. As with the Districts, written reports are requested. I would ask each committee member to remain at the podium after their report to answer questions from the floor.

### Public Information

Les MacD

Good Day everyone, I'm a alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group in District 34, Quinte East, and with much gratitude I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information Chair. My name is Les MacD.



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Thanks to everyone who attended the Public Information workshop yesterday and a special thanks to those of you who attended the combined PIC/CPC meeting last night.

As of now I have contact for 19 Districts and received minutes from 8 Districts so we have some catching to do, to all Districts it would be much appreciated if I was to receive minutes from all Public Information Chairs and for those Districts who have no PI Chair just keep trying to fill the position. Sold one PIC Kit, District 26 wanted some information about setting up a on line chat forum, I used an available resource from Area 83 to help me with this. Being invited to attend a PIC meeting here in District 36 in April.

I have Public Information Kits available at a cost of \$12.00 for anyone who needs them.

I would like to thank all of you for attending and giving me much gratitude to be a servant to all of you.

Yours In Love-Service and Hugs-Les MacD-Public Information Chairperson-Area 83

**Cooperation with the Professional Community**

Jim S

Good morning he said optimistically, I am an alcoholic, a member of The Sunday Nighters Group in District 82 Victoria/Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. It is with much gratitude that I serve you as your Area 83 Cooperation With The Professional Community Chair.

First of all I wish to thank those who attended the CPC workshop yesterday and the combined PI/CPC meeting last night. That meeting I feel was extremely productive. To hear the members sharing not only gives me an idea of what is going on in the Districts but lets me know possible problems that the Districts may be having.

As far as being busy I have really not done that much. I have been in contact with some of the District CPC Chairs and have contacted the Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee.

I did receive a request from our General Service Office asking if our Area could set up and man a display booth at the People in Motion 2017 Conference to be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building on the Exhibition grounds in Toronto May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. I assured GSO that we can certainly look after that. I have contacted the Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee Chair Mark Bell to ask for their help and he has indicated there will be no problem. As well I would like to include the CPC Committees from the two Lakeshore Districts. For both days we have to man the booth a total of 14 hours, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM each day. The General Service Office is paying for the rental of the booth and furniture. They are also supplying a table top display and literature.

I received the new CPC District Chairs list from our Area Secretary earlier this week and am glad to see how many Districts have elected CPC Chairs.

I want to thank those Districts who send me their minutes. I appreciate getting them and do read them. They give me a good idea on what is happening at the District level.

Remember I have been elected as a resource to be used. If there is anything the Districts want me to do please just ask. If it within my power I will do it.

Wishing everyone a safe trip home.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA

Jim

**Correctional Facilities**

Mac B

Good afternoon friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston and I have the honour and privilege of serving as Correctional Facilities Chair for Area 83 and my name is Mac.

I want to give a warm welcome to all the newly elected Trusted Servants, especially the new CF chairs and the new Bridging the Gap (BTG) contact person for each of the Districts.

Bridging the Gap is still updating the CF chair list with the corrections BTG contacts for your District. Please let me know of any updated info about BTG contacts for your District.

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We in the CF Chairs world are very excited about the new Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) in Canada. This service has been operating in the U.S. for 30 years but has only just begun in Canada thanks to the efforts of David T. working tirelessly with Corrections Canada for over 3 years to make this possible. Now we can carry the message through snail mail and perhaps by email someday.

We are in need of A.A. members on the outside to correspond with A.A. members in correctional facilities. If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with A.A.s who are confined, please get one of these pamphlets from your CF chair, and mail the tear-off form to GSOs Corrections Desk, or e-mail the information on the form to [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org). The name of an inmate will be sent to you from your General Service Office and you will make the initial contact through the mail.

The KEY right now is to have Canadian AA members aware, ready, and willing and on Correspondence list at GSO.

At the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in July 2016 there was a discussion about the disproportionately large number of First Nations People in Federal and Provincial Facilities in Canada and the need to establish more trust between the AA community and incarcerated First Nations People.

Many of our incarcerated First Nations members have had terrible experiences with sexual and violent abuses and misconduct by some church influences in the past. Therefore, the mention of God in our AA readings is a very contentious issue. Too often, they don't stick around long enough to find out the difference between spirituality and religion. This has been a prominent difficulty in having them return to the meetings after the first visit. Some are desperate enough to stick around, some don't have difficulties with God being mentioned, and some dismiss it as issue and continue to come anyway.

Many do not say the Lord's Prayer.

So this seems to be the single most difficult problem in retaining First Nations inmates in the meeting rooms over the long haul. Yet they are proportionally high in prison population and substance abuse is the reason most are serving time.

Many of the First Nations offenders have great support from their community elders or support staff that come into the prisons. Some outside support have AA background and help them work through the difficulties related to religious discrepancies of the past and reinforce their cultural heritage. Many are involved with the sweat lodge ceremonies on and off the correctional property. It really seems to help them come to terms with the confusion they must be experiencing. This allows them to participate in AA and maintain and grow with their true heritage identity. All of the Atlantic penitentiaries provide this opportunity and support for those who want to explore it. And I believe at least some, if not all, Federal institutions in Ontario also provide such a service. I helped start a Sweat Lodge at Warkworth Institution.

I have personally worked with incarcerated First Nations offenders and I firmly believe they have been born with an innate spirituality. And when they are able to distinguish between spirituality and religion they have no problem with the spirituality of the A.A. program of recovery.

In summary: We have a number of challenges but we have even more successes in carrying the A.A. message to incarcerated offenders in our Jails and Federal prisons.

YILAS, Mac B.

Panel 67 Correctional Facilities Chair

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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### **Treatment /Accessibility**

Marty M

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic and privileged to serve as your panel 67 Treatment/Accessibility chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; my name is Marty.

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So far, this year Treatment has been steady; I have received and sent out 17 Bridging the Gap requests. I document each and every one, this program seems to be working. At this time, I want to say a huge thank you to the dedicated District Treatment Chairs, Dcm's, and A.A. members who I send these requests to. You folks are definitely making a difference! Also, it means so much to get that reply saying: no problem Marty, I'll take care of it. So, thank you for that assurance.

I now understand even more; how important it is to have a contact person in every district. I know some Districts don't have a Treatment Chair, maybe you don't have any Treatment Centres. This is when I contact the DCM and/or ADCM as I may need to reach someone from your area.

Bridging the Gap is a great tool for getting newcomers fresh out of Treatment; in to the doors of AA.

As I mentioned in Our Workshop yesterday; this is our Primary Purpose: to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Now for Accessibility; I have attended the Greater Toronto Accessibility meeting, as well as done some reading on my own. This is a very hot yet a very touchy subject to many. There are many different degrees of accessible, not just black and white. Some meetings and buildings post that they're accessible, simply because they have a wheelchair ramp. There's a lot more to it than just that.

- Button to open the door?
- Elevator with a key at 8:00 pm?
- Washroom big enough for a wheelchair to get around?
- Are the chairs far enough apart for someone to go up and get a desire chip, or do a reading?

This was just to name a few. I know we can't force change on the buildings where we meet, but we can all do our part to communicate or post what we offer for accessibility.

I will be presenting at Information AA Day in Toronto on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> for Treatment and Accessibility, if anyone is holding a Roundup or Service Day, I would be happy to come and give a talk on either of these topics. Feel free to contact me at [treatment@area83aa.org](mailto:treatment@area83aa.org).

Yours in Love and Service,

Marty M

**Grapevine**

Robert B

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F. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of a Google for Non-Profits account.

We had 3 Grapevine meeting at Toronto Intergroup.

I have been asked to attend District 82 Grapevine meeting 27 April.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 Grapevine Chair

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**Self-Support**

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Group, and serving as the panel 67, area 83, Self Support chair, my name is Ray R.

Not a lot of activity in the first 3 months of the term, but this weekend definitely made up for it. It was great to see so many old friends, and a chance to meet some new ones.

- Met with Toronto districts s/s chairs at the Toronto Intergroup office
  - small group, but an enthused bunch
  - elected a chair and secretary
  - going forward, we'll meet bi-monthly, last Thursday of the month, all are welcome

-Looking forward to participating int the GTA Info AA Day in May, and the District 2 Service Day in November

-I do have a few openings on my agenda, so if your district is planning an event that you would like me to participate in, act fast as space is quickly filling up.

I had a lot of fun putting on yesterday's workshop, I'd like to thank Zobie G for helping me put on a fun and interactive workshop.

Our Treasurer Sue B, who presented before me, set the the stage well, by explaining where the money goes, how to donate, and all the other money related issues, which allowed me to focus on other aspects of self support like time, talent, and energy.

Self Support is, the blood line of service work, and without it, we couldn't continue to do the amazing work

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we do, and there's so much more to it than putting money in the hat, and that's the point I was trying to get across at my workshop.

Thanks to the Service Information Day Committee for a quality day, and a job well done.

The Sub-Committee last night was full of great ideas. We heard strategies that were successful, and some that were less successful, but we did exchange ideas. Although a small group, it had good energy, and I left there feeling that we got things done. Thanks to all those who attended.

I've received the updated roster of all the S/S chairs in the area, and I will be reaching out and making contact with them shortly. Please, continue to send me your minutes, as I like to stay in the know, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached [selfsupport@area83aa.org](mailto:selfsupport@area83aa.org)

Your in Love and Service  
Area 83, Panel 67  
Self Support Chair  
Ray R

**Archives**

Eddy G

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group & serve as your Area 83 Archives Chairperson and my name is Eddy G.

**Why Is Archives Important?**

"Whenever a society or a civilization perishes, there is always one factor present: they forgot where they came from." This is a quote by Carl Sandburg.

**Did You Know?**

1. Area 83 Assemblies have been held here in the Ambassador Hotel for 26 years. They started in March 1001.
2. The two minute DCM Reports you experienced this morning with the three light system was designed by Dennis D. He was elected Fall Assembly October 25-26, 1986 as Delegate, Panel 37 & it was the first an American was ever made a delegate in a Canadian Area. His home was in Bombay, New York.

**Responsibilities of this position** 1. To bring awareness about archives and 2. To help in anyway with archives to the members & groups in Area 83.

**The Job Descriptions of the Area Archives Chairperson & the Area Archivist.**

It is very important these two positions work together. The Archivist who is David T, has the technical knowledge & the continuity of experience over the years with these two positions. The Incoming Archives Chairperson is learning & directing the flow of information from the Archivist to the members & groups in Area 83. I will talk about this later on in my report.

Also I received a memory stick from Peter N. (past Area 83 Archives Chairperson from 2011-2012) which has Area 83 Archive information from past archives chairs.

**Area 83 Website ( [area83aa.org](http://area83aa.org) ) under Resources – Archives.**

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The following items can be found: The AA Archives Guidelines, the Archives Workbook & the Oral History Kit are linked to the GSO Website.

-The Area 83 Archives Newsletter- "The Eighty Three" from 2010-2016 Issues.

-Area 83 Committee Meeting Minutes from 2011-2016 & Assembly Minutes from 2010-2016.

All the Area 83 Committee Meeting & Assembly Minutes from 1975-2014 have been scanned by Bryan D'S. from District 22. I gave Kim S. (Delegate), Rob McA. (Alt. Delegate) & Kimberley M. (Chairperson) each a memory stick.

#### **GSO Website ( aa.org ) under Archives & History.**

The following items can be found:

-Timeline of AA History – Origins, 1935- 2016.

-Digital Archives – Articles of Jack A, Sister Ignatia, AA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Cleveland 1950 & 12 Traditions.

-Markings- Your Archives Newsletter. Past newsletters. This newsletter will no longer be published. Future archive articles will be in Box 459.

-Archives Audio Library- talks from Bill W., Dr. Bob's Last Message & Sister Ignatia.

-Also there are three sections- About GSO Archives, Information for Researchers and History & Resources all of which have much information.

#### **David T. (Area 83 Archivist) & I have worked together on the following:**

**1. Spring Assembly Archives Workshop-** We had an open forum with a panel. Questions & answers with the audience & the panelists. We covered the importance of archives & the basics of archives- collecting, preservation & display. There was a good turnout & participation.

I would like to thank everyone who came out & the panelists: Peter N., Milner G., Gord H. (all past Area 83 Archives Chairs) & David T.

#### **Archives Display Room**

Thank You to the Districts, GTA Intergroup & Area 83 (David T.) for bringing their displays & setting them up. I hope everyone had a chance to drop in & take a look.

For the Fall Assembly in October I invite all districts to bring their archives displays.

**2. Area 83 Archivist Newsletter-** "The Eighty-Three" March 2017 Issue is out. This newsletter was put together by David T. Articles include- Role of the Archivist by David T., Becoming an Archivist for AA by Jennifer C. (District 26 Archives Chair) & Group History Questions, Fellowship Group History with photos- location, table cover, open & closed room by Bryan D'S. (District 22). We had hard copies in the Archives Display Room & our Area 83 Secretary James O'D., emailed them out to the Area 83 Officers, Sub Committee Chairpersons, DCM's & Alt. DCM's. Thank you James.

**3. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 83 Archives Workshop-** This year we will have it in Toronto on Saturday April 22 from 9am- 1:45pm. Flyers were placed in the atrium & in the archives display room. Also there are flyers at the back of this room. The workshop (hall rent will be \$100.00) will cover group- histories, photos & display, conducting oral histories & how to preserve your documents. Then at 2pm there will be a guided tour of the Hockey Hall of Fame (no cost).

I would like to give a big thank you to Jim W (GTA Intergroup Alt. Archivist), our registrar Amy L. & Ian for their good works in arranging to get the hall & the tour.

**Jennifer C. (District 26 Archives Chairperson) has six containers of District 26 items.** Amy L. (our area registrar) & I meet with Jennifer at her home in February and help her look through & catalogue the items in three containers.

**Area Registrar Amy L.** is mapping Area 83 Groups on Google Earth year by year when they registered at the General Service Office (GSO).

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Also Amy is updating the History of Area 83 Positions & DCM's from 2011 to present.

**District Minutes-** Thank you to all the districts for sending me your district minutes.

**Area 83 Archives Committee Meeting-** was held last night at 9 pm. We had a good turnout & members shared on what they were doing with archives in their districts. A couple of districts are looking at public libraries to store their records.

Also I talked with five DCM's on Saturday about their archives. The goal is to talk to all the districts about their archives.

**Fall Assembly (October) Service Day Archives Workshop-** we decided an oral history will be conducted. A longtime AA member will be interviewed with questions on what it was like when they came in to AA, the meetings, members they met & other experiences (this will not be an AA talk).

Thank you for your patience & tolerance,  
Yours in Service,  
Eddy G  
Area 83 Archives Chairperson

**Service Information Day Committee**

Shane H

Good morning friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane member of the spirit of the big book group in Brampton and it is an honour to serve as your Area 83 panel 67 service information day chairperson , Wow what an amazing journey its been since our six member committee was elected from the sixteen District Committee members who let their names stand at our last Area committee meeting, those members are Dave L our Committee Secretary from District 26, Jo Anne P District 28,Dave B District 06,Rob A District 10 and Mike B District 62.

We as a committee are truly grateful for the previous committees that preserved past experience and made the information easy to obtain, and like the past committees we have been blessed with a well organized secretary who continues to preserve committee experience. in discussion with Dave this morning we have decided to work on a scripted format for the ask it basket to help chair a more organized meeting, i apologize to those who could not hear the questions asked by members not being urged to go to the microphone, this Alcoholic will strive to do better at the next assembly and thank you for your patience.

There has been a lot of positive feedback on our service information day and your opinion counts because this is your service day.

If you have not had a chance to fill out our survey please do so before leaving so we can gauge how well we are doing and what can be improved upon and please bring back to your groups and district the enthusiasm and excitement that we are sure you have experienced this weekend. In closing thanks everyone for allowing this Alcoholic to serve.

Yours in love and service Shane H  
Area 83 Eastern international service  
Information Day Chair panel 67

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### 6. Treasurers Report followed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Sue B

Hello friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in District 62, and my name is Sue. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday; I hope you found the information useful. Thanks also to those who helped sell banquet tickets, total tickets sold were 227.

The hotel charges us \$14.00 per person this weekend for coffee, tea, and pop, which is what the 7<sup>th</sup> we collect goes towards. Please keep this in mind when the 7<sup>th</sup> comes around.

In the District Committee Members mail folders, I placed two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. There are also several envelopes available on the side table, please help yourselves. I have placed a list as to which Groups in the District contributed to GSO.

When a Group or District sends in a contribution, they will receive back a thank-you letter of receipt. Emailing these to you costs the Area nothing, whereas mailing them requires a stamp, envelope, paper and ink. Please encourage your Treasurers to include an email address with your contributions, and I can email you your letter of receipt which you will also receive in a timelier fashion. Please make cheques payable to "Eastern Ontario International Area 83".

Contributions can also be made using PayPal. Please be sure to include your six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal to ensure your group will receive credit for the contribution. The place to enter your group number is the screen after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. To date, \$449.00 has been contributed through PayPal.

Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, I have placed copies of the Proposed Spending Guidelines. You will also find copies of the Financial Statement for the period ending March 2, 2017. Copies of these are also available on the side table. I would like to go over the numbers with you now.

**Page 1** is a Financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest. It will mature on September 11, 2017.

**Income** for the period as of March 2, 2017:

- 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected at the January 7<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meeting \$276.45
  - Flow through to GSO \$60.00
  - Group and District contributions \$8,867.40
- Total income for the period is \$9,203.85.

**Expenses** for the period as of March 2, 2017:

- Committee expenses are \$3,060.61
- Area Committee Meeting, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> rent and refreshments \$323.00
- General Service Conference Assessment \$5,359.50
- Bank service charges \$154.14



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- PayPal Fees \$2.17
- GSO Flow Through \$60.00
- CERAASA \$2,437.53

Total expenses for the period are \$11,396.95.

The opening bank balance as of January 1, 2017, was \$29,496.89. Total income of \$9,203.85 less expenses of \$11,396.95 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$27,303.79. As of March 2, 2017, our expenses were \$2,193.10 higher than our income. As a side note - as of March 23, 2017, all contributions received have been deposited, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were sent out. Therefore, our total income is now \$11,928.60, less expenses of \$11,408.85, which places our income \$519.75 higher than our expenses. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

**Page 2** shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member, as well as all other expenses to date.

Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here:

- The amount shown for the Service Information Day Committee under Literature, \$911.32, is for the Service Manuals which were purchased from the GSO. This expense will be recovered once all the Service Manuals have been sold. Future Financial Statements will reflect this under Income, in Cost Recoveries.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that "provided it doesn't affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference." Therefore, the \$5,359.50 is the amount in CDN funds paid so far towards the Conference for our Delegate to attend. The total cost is approx \$6,500.00 US, and I have paid \$4,084.33 US (\$5,359.50 CDN at 1.3398) so far. There is a balance owing of \$2,415.67 US or approx. \$3,165.49.
- Bank charges \$154.14 includes an order of 100 cheques at a cost of \$141.42.
- Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) \$2,437.53. A separate budget line has been added to show the expenses for CERAASA as it has now become an established Service Assembly. The costs reflect the reimbursement for the Delegate and Alt/Delegate to attend as per the Area's Operating Procedure. Our Immediate Past Delegate has also been reimbursed this year as it was decided at last year's Ontario Delegates Conference (ODC) to combine this year's ODC with CERAASA. As per the Area's Operating Procedures, the Immediate Past Delegate is to be reimbursed for the first ODC of their term, which has been done. The Immediate Past Delegate will *not* be reimbursed for the ODC is 2018.

**Page 3** shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. As of March 23, 2017, contributions have been made by 60 Groups and 9 Districts. I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Area.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was: Friday \$603.30, Saturday \$1,383.25, and Sunday \$1,170.82, for a total of \$3,157.37 collected over the weekend. Total contributions in the coffee cans was \$384.25, for a combined weekend total of \$3,541.62. I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions.

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I would like to thank those Districts who send me their Minutes; I love to read them. For those that do not, it would be great if you could please add me to your distribution list.

In closing, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped this weekend; the ticket sellers, the money counters and the bucket brigade. Thank you to District 36 for all the volunteers at the Registration table and for Greeting. And thank you, to all of you, for taking the time to be here this weekend.

Yours in Love and Service, Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer

**7. Secretary**

James O'D

Thank you to the SID committee for a putting on a great day yesterday. Very informative and fun. And great reports from our DCMs.

We had a great workshop yesterday and thank you to those who attended. I am looking forward to working closely with our Registrar Amy for the rest of the term.

If you are a secretary for your group or district please do not hesitate to get in contact with me and I would be pleased to share any information with you that might help in fulfilling your duties.

If you are giving a report at an Assembly or ACM please email them to me before the event if possible. The sooner I get everyone's report the sooner the minutes can be compiled and sent out to our members. Thanks to all those who have already sent them in.

As the cut off date for the AA Regional Directories is on May 12, 2017 it is imperative that all districts update their information at least a week before to give us time to input and send off the information to the GSO.

Regarding kits: If you have not received one and feel that you should have please let me know. There are a few ways for us to find out what is going on. If it is on our end it can be rectified quickly and if it is at the GSO we know people, important people. In the interim, however, the DCM and all sub committee kits are available on the Area website: Resources tab, Secretary.

Thank you for your attention and have a great rest of the day.

**8. Roll call And Registrar**

Amy L

Good afternoon friends! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group, in District 26 & my name is Amy. I have the honour & privilege to serve as your Panel 67 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International and I am so grateful to be of service.

If this is your first Assembly, we welcome you. If you are a new G.S.R. & you are without your GSR kit, that's the bad news. The good news is, while you are waiting for your kit I have asked the Webmaster, Jim to set up quick links to the contents of the kit, if you go to the Registrar's Resource tab on the [Area83 website](#). Alternate GSR's do not receive a kit. If your GSR steps down, ask for their kit & send in a new form indicating no kit is required. This will keep the costs down. It is important that you keep your contact information current. If your mailing address changes or your phone number or email, please send me an email ([Registrar@Area83aa.org](mailto:Registrar@Area83aa.org)) so that I can keep it up to date in the system. GSO spends hundreds of dollars on return postage for mailings that are not picked up by the recipients.

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I am responsible for updating group records & liaising with GSO. I have been busy doing. Like some of you have heard me say, it is like herding cats trying to keep everything up to date.

The forms required to change Group info. or add New Groups have been updated with my mailing address. Instructions are on the bottom of the forms. These forms are available on our Area 83 website, under "Resources" then by choosing the "Registrar" tab. It is essential that all information is filled out. If the mailing address is incomplete a profile cannot be completed and that individual cannot represent their group in the directory. Highlighting all changes make it so much easier for me. If you, as the GSR, are making changes on a form, send it to your District Registrar first to keep accurate District records. Group distribution lists are sent to your District Registrars and DCM's in order to check for accuracy. The last one I did of these was sent on **March 22, 2017**. Some of the groups listed have been identified by GSO as Unknown. Unknown means the group does not have a primary contact; primary contact may be a GSR or someone who has agreed to be the mail contact. Area 83 has whittled the number of Unknown Groups down to 20 thanks to the hard work of my predecessor Sue and some enthusiastic registrars that I have been working with over the last 3 months.

Another objective is to update membership counts for every group. There have been Group Information Change forms out in the atrium all weekend & will be at all the assemblies so you can update your Group member counts. This way, we'll get a more accurate count for our Area.

It is also my responsibility to prepare the sign-in sheets to enable me to collect the data required to tally & provide the roll call here, at the Assemblies & at the Area Committee Meetings this term.

It is the responsibility of the Area Registrars to have as much if not all of the Area Group information up to date in time for the AA directory release. The General Service Office has informed me that the cut off date for changes will be **May 12, 2017**. So, between now and then I hope to be receiving details for all 577 groups in the Area.

Thank you to those Districts that send me their minutes, if you do not please add me to your distribution list. Not only do I like to know what is going on in your District, I also use the minutes to check some of the contact information and make sure the GSRs are up to date in the database. My email address is: [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org)

I would like to give a HUGE "Thank You" to the team from District 36, who were most generous with their time and assistance this weekend as greeters & behind the registration tables. Donna C and Monique H have brought a huge sense of ease and comfort as I try to carry out the responsibilities of the Registrar at my first assembly. Thank you!

Before I give the roll call, I would like to give a brief explanation of the process of compiling the tally. When compiling the roll call, a lot of consideration is given to the vote, and ensuring that those who are entitled to vote, have that right. For this reason, a lot of care is put into interpreting the sign-in sheets. The result being, that the numbers will often not look, at all, like what was written on the sign in sheets.

For example, a District might have five people signed in as visitors, but when I announce the roll call, I might say there was only one. The reason is that I check each visitor against his or her group, and if the group does not have a GSR that has signed in, I assume that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group. They are, therefore, not counted as a visitor, but as a GSR.

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Also, if an Alternate DCM is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a GSR as well, since Alternate DCM's do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate DCM but their function, for the purposes of voting at the assembly, is to serve as their group's representative. It is very important if you sign in as a visitor, that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group, but if you fail to indicate your group name on the sign in sheet, you may not be eligible to vote. Please keep in mind that as you see the tally on the screen & hear the results, this is not a true reflection of who will be voting necessarily. For example, there are people who may have registered, but were only here yesterday & are not here with us now. So, the true reflection of who is voting is done by who is in the front of the room as a vote is cast & counted, if necessary.

In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar related issues where I can, and please remember that communication is most important. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve you,

Yours, in love & service,  
Amy L  
Panel 67 Registrar  
Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International  
registrar@area83aa.org

### 9. Alternate Delegate

Rob McA

Hi everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob McA. It's an honor and a privilege to serve as Alternate Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

One of the responsibilities of the Alternate Delegate is to be the single point of contact and be responsible for all matters relating to Remote Communities initiatives across Area 83, including serving as liaison with other Delegate Areas as required. This involves being part of the Remote Communities workgroup for Canada, and participating in the scheduled conference calls to keep our Area up to date about what is happening in Remote Communities. I took part in the Conference call last Monday. There were 10 other Area Remote Communities Representatives on the call. I reported that Area 83 doesn't have any remote communities that I'm aware of, but we are happy to be part of the workgroup, and will assist the other Areas in any way we can. Some of the other Areas reported much activity included distributing literature, helping to get meetings started in remote areas, and hosting online meetings. The next conference call will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our operating procedures state that the Alternate Delegate shall be Intergroup Liaison Officer for Area 83. I have sent a letter of introduction to the 4 Intergroup offices in our Area located in Toronto, Oshawa, Peterborough, and Ottawa. I asked to receive their committee meeting minutes, and offered to be of service in any way I can. One Intergroup office replied to my email, and three of them are sending me minutes.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> I spoke on Service in Recovery at the District 6 and 12 Service day. February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> I was at CERAASA. It was a great weekend of Service. I attended most of the workshops, and gave a presentation on the General Service Conference agenda item VIII E. under public Information Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Google for Nonprofits account. On March 4<sup>th</sup> I facilitated an inventory for the Kipling Group in District 06.

Next Saturday I'll be facilitating an inventory for the St. Clements Group in District 10, and on May 27<sup>th</sup> I've been asked to take part in info AA day in Toronto.

If I can be of service to your Groups or districts please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Rob McA

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**10. Delegate**

Kim S

Delegate Report -Spring Assembly March 26, 2017

Hi everyone, my name is Kim, I am a alcoholic, a member of the St Clements Group and your Panel 67 Delegate. I am touched beyond words to be given this opportunity. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

I have attended the Area Committee meeting on January 7.

I was asked to help and be a part of a Financial Audit Committee for Area 86. It is part of their procedures to ask a neighboring area officer. We met in Oakville on February 4. The committee consisted of Martin A., Area 86 Past Delegate, Sandy W. Treasurer and myself. It went well as Sandi is fabulous at record keeping.

I attended the District 6 & 12 service day on February 18 where I did a presentation on all 12 concepts.

I also attended CERAASA in Moncton from February 24-26. Since there was CERAASA this year the Ontario Delegate's Conference was cancelled this year. The ODC is for the 4 Ontario areas to help prepare the Delegate for the Conference and CERAASA did that for me. The Eastern Canada Regional Delegates were asked to give their 2 minute highlights that they will give at the Conference. I will share mine with you at the end of my report. All the ECR Delegates and Alternate Delegates gave a 10-minute presentation on a topic from their assigned Committee. My presentation was on Twitter.

Scott H., our Canada at Large Trustee did an AA Around the World presentation where he shared a few interesting facts about AA in some other countries. Such as to get AA in Poland, they had to smuggle in Big Books. other AA books and literature. AA began in Romania 15 years ago with 1 meeting. Literature was sent from GSO and they could expand and have more meetings.

Our ECRT, Richard mentioned a new piece of literature about safety in AA on the aa.org website. I went on to look at it and the piece is called Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare and is form number SMF-209.

During the business meeting of CERAASA District 90 bid for the next CERAASA in 2019 and there were no other bids. So, the next CERAASA will probably be in Laval.

There is more but I just wanted to give you a small report on CERAASA. I will forward on the minutes to everyone once I receive them.

As it has been mentioned this weekend. I will be attending the General Service Conference in Rye Brook, NY from April 22 to April 29. A few Districts have booked me to give my conference report. So far, I am booked for Info AA Day on May 27 for the GTA Districts. On May 28 for Districts 26, 28, 82 and 86 with a combined service day in Lindsay. For District 62 Service Day in Ottawa on June 10. If you would like to have me give a conference report to your district please see me for possible dates. If you can do combined District Service it does save the Area money.

*My highlights are as follows:*

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International has 599 registered groups (which include 20 correctional groups) There are 19 more groups than back in 2011 which means we are slowly growing within our 35,000 sq. km. perimeter. We have one linguistic district that serves our Spanish population in our area. We are also unique in that district 42 is in North West N.Y. state which gives Area 83 our international flair. We are the smallest Area within Ontario but it can take 5-6 hours to drive to a service day.

We completed an area inventory last year and are in the process of implementing the AdHoc committee's recommendations. We hold 4 assemblies a term with both Spring Assemblies being Conference Assemblies. We also have 7 Area Committee meetings within our term.

Despite attendance being down at our election assembly and Area Committee meeting, we have elected a great team. I am proud to represent Area 83 anywhere and anytime.

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As you are aware, AA and Area 83 lost a great man. Joe D passed away in December and we were proud of him becoming a Director and Chair of AAWS, and a Class B Trustee. Joe was very active within Area 83, attending all Area Committee meetings and Assemblies when there were not board meetings. His last Area meeting was Dec 3 where he was helping count ballots in the election for our sub-committee chairs. His willingness to help, advice and humor will be missed by us all in Area 83.

For me at this Assembly, I have really missed Joe.

Yours in love service and hugs  
Kim S  
Panel 67 Delegate

We now reach Item 11, Old Business.  
At this point, I recommend going to 2/3 majority.  
May I have a motion to that effect?

Moved: EILEEN S – GSR – D28      Seconded: DAVE B – DCM – D14  
Any discussion?- No.  
All those in favour? - All                      All those opposed? 0                      Any abstentions? 0  
Voice of the minority? – No.  
Motion was passed.

### **11. OLD BUSINESS - IF ANY**

We do not have any old business carried over from the Fall 2016 Assembly

### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(a) Auditors Report                      Sandy S, Panel 59 Past Delegate**

The Operating Procedures for Area 83 require that the Current Treasurer and auditors approved by the Area Committee shall audit the previous term's financial documents.

Documents for the years 2015 and 2016 were reviewed on January 29, 2017. The purpose of the review is to satisfy ourselves, and to be accountable to Area 83 members that the revenues and expenses reported have been recorded properly, they balance, and that there were no discrepancies in these practices.

Specifically, the Audit committee reviews the financial documents from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016 in order to evaluate:

- 1) Completeness and accuracy of the recorded transactions,
- 2) Completeness and accuracy of the reporting,
- 3) That all recommendations from previous audit Review Committees were implemented.

Each of the committee members reviewed various transactions from each year. The months chosen were selected to reflect various types of situations: a month with an Assembly, a month with an Area Committee meeting and the last month at random. During this process, large items such as General Service Office Assessments, Ontario Delegate's Conference expenses, Ambassador Hotel bills, and Grapevine Seasonals were reviewed.

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Bank reconciliations were reviewed with income items traced back to bank deposits and to Group and District Contribution files. Expenses in a given month were reviewed and traced back to the Area 83 Cheque Register.

The expenses for trusted servants were reviewed for accuracy.

To the best of the Audit Committee's ability, all records which were reviewed were found to be in order, with no discrepancies noted.

The only recommendation that the committee has is to remind subcommittee chairs and officers to include all receipts for expenses claimed with their expense sheet, and - computers are great, but hand written notes are useful too.

Sue B, Panel 67 Treasurer  
Mike B, DCM District 62  
Sandy S, Past Delegate - Panel 59

January 29, 2017

Would someone like to make a motion to accept the Auditors report as presented?

Moved: PATRICK G – GSR – D62    Seconded: JENNY C – DCM – D66

Any discussion? – No.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 2

Voice of the minority?

Motion was passed.

**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(b) 2017 Financial Guidelines    Sue B, Treasurer**

The purpose of the proposed spending guidelines is simply to give us a rough idea of what the expenses for the year might be, and the income required to carry out the services provided by Area 83. Some actual amounts will turn out to be higher than the guideline, and some lower. Predicting expenses is difficult because of several factors.

Typically, the proposed guideline has been forecasted using the average expenses of the past four years. This was also what I used as a starting point. I made some adjustments based on last year's actual amounts.

On page one, under Income:

- Beside Contributions to match expenses is an amount that is **NOT** based on the four-year average. The amount here is the Contributions from Groups and Districts that would be required to cover the proposed amounts to effectively carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic throughout Area 83.
- Grapevine Seasonals values may vary slightly as the Grapevine Chair must determine costs for Pocket Planners and Calendars months before the payment is actually made to Grapevine Inc. In that time, it is possible for the exchange rate to change drastically which has happened in the past.

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Under Expenses:

- The General Service Office (GSO) full assessment is estimated to be \$6,500.00 US which works out to be approximately \$8,600.00 CDN at a recent exchange rate. Assuming we are able to pay the full amount by the end of the year, the actual amount will depend on the exchange rate at the time of payment.
- CERAASA expenses are not proposed, but are actual, as the event took place in Moncton, New Brunswick, this past February 24-26, 2017.

On page two, under Accommodation, Meals and Travel:

- for the various positions, it is very difficult to predict accurately, so these are just a guestimate. Some actuals will surely be higher and others lower. Some Districts may absorb some of these costs by financially supporting Area Officers and/or Committee Chairs that they invite to Service Days etc.
- Spring and Fall Assembly, under meals, the \$5,600.00 reflects the cost of coffee/tea/pop.
- Spring and Fall Assembly, looking across to Miscellaneous, are the amounts for the projectors and AV equipment used this weekend, for the set-up of this room and for the Archives Room.

Yours in love and service,

Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer

Would someone like to make a motion to accept the Financial Guidelines as presented?

Moved: JEFFREY F – GSR – D86    Seconded: SEAN H – GSR – D02

Any discussion? Once question about coffee expense – just a clarification.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 3

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(c) Destruction of 2013/2014 financial records.**

Moved by Sue B – Area 83 Treasurer

Would someone like to second the motion?

Seconded By: LARRY D – DCM – D86 If seconded, call on Sue to speak to the motion.

In the past it has been the practice of Area 83 after an audit and no issues have been found to destroy the preceding years records and to hold on to the recent audited files. It is impractical and unnecessary to hold on to records that will never be looked at again. It is important, however, to keep the immediate past terms financial records in case something arises and as a reference. It is important to also note that the complete financial records are included in the minutes of each Area Assembly since its inception. Just the hard copies will be destroyed.

Any discussion? – No.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 3

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.



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**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(d) Recommended by the Area Committee:**

Area 83 to purchase 1000 Area pins

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.

I call on Rob McA to speak to the motion.

Delegates often share pins with other Delegates, they can be gifted to special invited guests and can generate an identity for Area 83 as a whole. 1000 pins were bought over 6 years ago by the Treatment Chair at the time and they are just about to run out. He feels that pins are very important for the Area, however, the Delegate should not have to pay for them as they benefit the Area as a whole. Quote for \$847.30 plus tax & shipping.

Any discussion? Discussion about history, last purchase and who will be charged with distribution. The Immediate Past Delegate spoke passionately in favour of the motion citing her personal experience and that of other Areas. They would be distributed by the Area Delegate.

Question called by Michael A (DCM – D18) and seconded by Kerry-Ann N (GSR – D26).

For – Majority

Against – 10

Abstentions – 7

Question Called and we moved to a vote.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? - 16

Any abstentions? - 9

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(e) Recommended by the Area Committee:**

Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Area Inventory that the Area 83 Operating procedures be amended by adding, in Section III (Responsibilities) Sub Section 3 (Area Chairperson), the following wording: The Chairperson shall strike an Ad Hoc Committee every 4 years to review the location and expenses for the bi-annual Area 83 Assemblies beginning in the year 2020.

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.

I call on Amy L to speak to the motion.

The ad hoc committee found that a common question from the members of Area 83 is that is the Ambassador Hotel the best way to use our funds – is there something less expensive out there – is anyone looking into it on our behalf. The Area had just gone through this process 6 or 7 years ago looking into alternatives. Like an inventory it should be revisited every 4 years.

Any discussion?- No.

All those in favour? - Majority

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 4

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

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**We now move to Agenda item**

**12(f)** Motion from District 22: "The Grapevine chair of Area 83 shall coordinate the purchase and distribution of Grapevine materials throughout the districts of Area 83."

Motion moved by: Tom S., DCM, District 22, Scarborough

Would someone like to second the motion?

Seconded: Lynn E – GSR – D22

Any discussion? – Much. If this were to pass, the Area Chair would then be in direct competition selling AA GV material with the various Intergroup Offices. Storage and transportation issues were raised. Generally it appears that it is not practical and outside the role of the Area GV Chair.

All those in favour? - 1

All those opposed? - Majority

Any abstentions? - 3

Voice of the minority? - No

Motion was defeated.

**AND THEN ...**

DEAL WITH ANY AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ADDED AT THE **BEGINNING OF THE DAY**

G) "I MAKE A MOTION TO DISCONTINUE THE ADHOC COMMITTEE FORMED TO LOOK INTO ARCHIVES IN AREA 83. " - MOTIONED BY EDDY G – AREA 83 ARCHIVES CHAIR

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY EDDY G BEFORE ANY DISCUSSION/VOTING TOOK PLACE.

**13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND**

MANY GREAT THINGS WERE SHARED.

**14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE FALL ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY**

As Chairperson, I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 here at the Ambassador hotel in Kingston

Would someone like to make a motion to accept these dates for our Fall Assembly?

Moved: JAMES S – GSR – D26      Seconded: GLEN B – GSR – D82

Any discussion? – No.

All those in favour? - ALL

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 0

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

**15. CLOSING**

I would like to thank everyone for staying and especially to those who volunteered to help make this weekend amazing.

**AS A REMINDER** - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST at Westminster United Church on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly.

It is now 15h11, may I have a motion to close the meeting?

Moved: PATRICK F – GSR – D18    Seconded: SYLVIE P – GSR – D54

Any discussion? – No.

All those in favour? - ALL

All those opposed? - 0

Any abstentions? - 0

Voice of the minority? – No.

Motion was passed.

**CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:**

**I AM RESPONSIBLE.....**

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## APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL REPORTS

**EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83**  
**AS OF: March 2, 2017**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	Actual
January 1, 2017 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	
Transfer to Operating Account	0.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	20,000.00

<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition	276.45
Cost Recoveries	0.00
Flow Through to GSO	60.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	8,867.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	9,203.85
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	9,203.85

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accommodations	0.00
Meals	0.00
Travel	1,679.45
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	16.25
Printing	346.56
Literature	911.32
Stationery	107.03
Miscellaneous	0.00
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	3,060.61
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	323.00
General Service Conf. Assessment	5,359.50
Bank Service Charges	154.14
Paypal fees	2.17
Forums	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	60.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	0.00
CERAASA	2,437.53
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	8,336.34
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	11,396.95

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2017	29,496.89
Total Income & Transfers	9,203.85
Total Expenses	(11,396.95)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	27,303.79

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as of March 2, 2017

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	0.00	0.00	123.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.20	2095.00	1971.80	5.88%
Alt Delegate	0.00	0.00	96.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.60	1630.00	1533.40	3.93%
Immediate Past Delegate	0.00	0.00	132.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	132.00	590.00	511.00	24.08%
Deputy	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	26.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	206.90	1440.00	1414.00	4.11%
Secretary	0.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	253.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.72	2170.00	1805.38	16.80%
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	323.00	0.00	16.25	56.73	0.00	107.03	0.00	517.01	1360.00	847.88	37.65%
Registrar	0.00	0.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.00	1201.00	1201.00	3.15%
Area Veb Slew/Weinmaster	0.00	0.00	147.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.00	1841.78	1694.78	7.98%
Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1315.00	1315.00	0.00%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	0.00	188.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	188.30	1250.00	1061.70	15.06%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	114.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.45	1540.00	1425.55	7.43%
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	144.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.90	1110.00	1445.00	0.00%
Public Information	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1495.00	1495.00	0.00%
Self Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1020.00	1020.00	0.00%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	0.00	12.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.40	1068.00	1022.68	13.27%
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.49	2865.00	2622.51	28.24%
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9042.00	9042.00	0.00%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8852.00	8852.00	0.00%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,679.45</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16.25</b>	<b>\$ 346.56</b>	<b>\$ 911.32</b>	<b>\$ 107.03</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,060.61</b>	<b>\$ 42,945.78</b>	<b>\$ 39,895.17</b>	<b>7.13%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323.00	323.00	1,530.00	1,207.00	21.11%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	45.86	77.07%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,670.00	1,670.00	0.00%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Formals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,719.00	5,399.50	50.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	5,399.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,399.50	4,400.00	340.00	13.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,897.00	1,897.00	0.00%
GSO Flow through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Expenses Cont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00%
CEFRAS	834.90	363.78	1,075.76	-	-	-	-	-	163.09	2,437.53	21,199.00	15,302.96	39.32%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,194.40</b>	<b>\$ 363.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 486.09</b>	<b>\$ 8,336.34</b>	<b>\$ 21,199.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,302.96</b>	<b>39.32%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,194.40</b>	<b>\$ 363.78</b>	<b>\$ 2,755.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16.25</b>	<b>\$ 346.56</b>	<b>\$ 911.32</b>	<b>\$ 107.03</b>	<b>\$ 486.09</b>	<b>\$ 11,396.95</b>	<b>\$ 64,144.78</b>	<b>\$ 55,197.53</b>	<b>17.77%</b>

**Income Summary:**

March 2, 2017	
7th Tradition	-
Bank Interest	60.00
GSO Flow through	8,867.40
Contributions	-
Cost recoveries	-
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Gift Income	<b>\$ 8,927.40</b>

March 2, 2017	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	Change
Income To Date	8,927.40	9,643.12	(715.72)
Expenses To Date	11,396.95	5,951.39	5,445.56
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>	<b>\$ -2,469.55</b>	<b>\$ 3,691.73</b>	<b>\$ 6,161.28</b>
Contributions	\$8,867.40	\$9,336.07	-\$468.67
Contributing Groups	44	47	-3
Contributing Districts	8	7	1

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
<b>AS OF March 2, 2017</b>	

District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$30.00
District	2	Malton	\$550.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$800.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,131.14
District	12	Toronto South West	\$260.00
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,233.70
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$550.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$250.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$371.96
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$619.56
District	30	Quinte West	\$350.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$400.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$315.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$366.64
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$200.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$100.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$0.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$424.40
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$200.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$100.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$100.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$60.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$100.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$355.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$8,867.40

Total from Groups	\$6,015.44	44	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts	\$2,851.96	8	Districts Contributing

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## APPENDIX B – ROLL CALL

**Area 83 Roll Call Spring Assembly**  
26 March 2017, 1:30 pm

Kingston, Ontario												
District	DCM	Alt-DCM	District Officers-Other	Committee Chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	1	0	3	5	0	1	5	8	6	21	24%
06	1	1	1	4	16	2	6	16	28	17	35	46%
10	1	0	0	0	8	2	2	8	13	9	26	31%
12	1	1	0	3	8	0	3	8	12	9	20	40%
14	1	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	8	8	29	24%
16-SP	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	0%
18	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	9	4	27	11%
22	1	1	1	2	11	1	1	11	16	12	21	52%
26	1	1	1	0	13	0	3	13	17	14	20	65%
28	1	0	1	6	6	1	1	6	12	7	24	25%
30	1	1	1	4	7	1	4	7	18	8	14	50%
34	1	1	0	2	7	0	3	7	12	8	34	21%
36	1	1	1	5	17	2	24	17	48	18	22	77%
42	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	4	3	31	6%
48	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	3	6	4	19	16%
50	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	5	4	10	30%
54	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	5	6	6	22	23%
58	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	4	31	10%
62	1	1	0	1	18	2	6	18	29	19	45	40%
66	1	1	1	2	7	0	8	7	18	8	28	25%
70	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	7	6	19	28%
74	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	6	4	11	27%
78	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	4	5	5	6	67%
82	1	1	0	1	4	0	1	4	7	5	20	20%
86	1	1	2	0	10	0	4	10	17	11	21	48%
CF					1	0	0	1	1	1	8	13%
Dist Officers-Comm												
ALL	DCM	Alt-DCM	Other	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups	
	25	17	15	40	176	15	71	176	317	201	573	
Area Committee									15	13		
Past Delegates/Outside of Area Visitors									6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>573</b>	
<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>580</b>	
<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>539</b>	

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**Eastern Ontario International Area 83**  
**2017 Proposed Spending Guidelines**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2017 PSG</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>
7th Tradition	8,000.00	7,966.70
Bank Interest	266.20	0.00
Cost Recoveries	960.00	408.00
Grapevine Seasonals	4,200.00	4,130.03
Contributions To Match Expenses	52,218.64	54,400.91
Four Year Average of Contributions	48,782.30	47,916.77
GSO Flow Through	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 65,744.84</b>	<b>67,005.64</b>

  

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2017 PSG</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>
Accommodation	9,950.00	8,557.66
Meals	15,567.00	12,151.45
Travel	13,030.00	13,481.85
Long Distance	-	-
Postage	380.00	333.91
Printing	2,395.00	2,112.27
Literature	2,075.00	1,512.91
Stationery	566.61	529.43
Miscellaneous	3,870.00	3,351.93
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 47,833.61</b>	<b>\$ 42,031.41</b>
Adhoc Committees	15.00	-
Area Committee	1,500.00	1,465.46
General Service Office (GSO) Contribution	750.00	-
Bank Charges	200.00	15.40
Forums	-	1,398.22
GSO Assessment	8,708.70	10,412.40
GSO Flow Through	100.00	100.00
Ontario Delegates Conference	-	1,514.37
Grapevine Seasonals	4,200.00	4,089.76
CERAASA	2,437.53	-
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,911.23</b>	<b>\$ 18,995.61</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 65,744.84</b>	<b>\$ 61,027.02</b>
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,978.62</b>



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**2017 Proposed Spending Guidelines**

Position	Accommodation	Meals	Travel	Land Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationary	Miscellaneous	Total
Delegate	600.00	432.00	1,245.00	-	-	-	-	-	75.00	2,352.00
Alt. Delegate	120.00	260.00	1,100.00	-	-	-	-	-	40.00	1,520.00
Immediate Past Delegate	-	185.00	630.00	-	-	-	-	-	40.00	855.00
Chairperson	-	200.00	715.00	-	30.00	-	-	-	40.00	985.00
Secretary	-	200.00	930.00	-	-	1,300.00	-	181.61	-	2,611.61
Treasurer	-	200.00	700.00	-	350.00	425.00	-	200.00	-	1,875.00
Registrar	-	200.00	600.00	-	-	300.00	-	30.00	-	1,130.00
Area Web Site/Webmaster	460.00	200.00	865.00	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	1,575.00
Archivist	120.00	200.00	590.00	-	-	30.00	80.00	-	200.00	1,220.00
Co-operation With The P.C.	460.00	200.00	600.00	-	-	40.00	-	-	-	1,260.00
Corrections Facilities	120.00	200.00	950.00	-	-	15.00	250.00	10.00	-	1,570.00
Public Information	120.00	200.00	950.00	-	-	10.00	110.00	35.00	-	1,430.00
Self Support	120.00	200.00	785.00	-	-	40.00	-	5.00	-	1,120.00
Treatment Facilities	120.00	200.00	760.00	-	-	20.00	400.00	10.00	-	1,530.00
Service Info Day Committee	120.00	200.00	630.00	-	-	20.00	60.00	30.00	-	1,060.00
Spring Assembly	1,470.00	890.00	380.00	-	-	15.00	250.00	30.00	-	995.00
Fall Assembly	3,000.00	5,600.00	600.00	-	-	200.00	925.00	35.00	-	5,145.00
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>9,950.00</b>	<b>15,567.00</b>	<b>13,030.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>380.00</b>	<b>2,395.00</b>	<b>2,075.00</b>	<b>566.61</b>	<b>3,870.00</b>	<b>47,833.61</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,200.00
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,708.70
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Ont Delegates Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CERA/ASSA	834.90	363.78	1,075.76	-	-	-	-	-	163.09	2,437.53
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>834.90</b>	<b>363.78</b>	<b>1,075.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163.09</b>	<b>17,911.23</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,784.90</b>	<b>15,930.78</b>	<b>14,105.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>380.00</b>	<b>2,395.00</b>	<b>2,075.00</b>	<b>566.61</b>	<b>4,033.09</b>	<b>65,744.84</b>